

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
PEDESTRIAN WORKING GROUP AND THE
REGIONAL BICYCLE TASK FORCE

Tuesday, January 15, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.
MAG Office Building, Cholla Room
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Tami Ryall, Gilbert, Chair, Regional Bicycle
Task Force and Acting Chair of the
Pedestrian Working Group
Bruce Meyers, ADOA Gen. Services
Michael Sanders, ADOT
Brian Fellows, ADOT
Michael Eagan, ASLA, Arizona Chapter
Margaret Boone-Pixley, Avondale
Michael Normand, Chandler
Rich Rumer Coalition for Arizona Bicyclists
Mark Smith, El Mirage
Steve Hancock, Glendale

Farhad Tavassoli, Goodyear
Michael Cartsonis, Litchfield Park
Peggy Rubach, Maricopa County
Jim Hash, Mesa
Brandon Forrey, Peoria
Katherine Coles, Phoenix
Briiana Leon, Phoenix
Mike Roche, Queen Creek
Randi Alcott, RPTA
Reed Kempton, Scottsdale
Eric Iwersen, Tempe
Lance Ferrell, Surprise

*Members neither present nor represented by proxy.

^Attended via audio-conference

OTHERS PRESENT

Lynn Timmons, Phoenix
Suzanne Day, RPTA
Tony Bowman, RPTA
John Halpin

1. Call to Order

Tami Ryall called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m..

2. Approval of the December 18, 2007 Meeting Minutes of the Pedestrian Working Group and the Regional Bicycle Task Force

 moved to approve and seconded the move to approve the meeting minutes of the
Bicycle Task Force and Pedestrian Working Group for December 18, 2007. The motion passed
unanimously.

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity was provided to members of the public to address the Bicycle Task Force and the Pedestrian Working Group on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Members of the public were requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes was provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Bicycle Task Force and the Pedestrian Working Group requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on action agenda items were given an opportunity at the time the item was heard.

There were no members of the public were present.

4. Staff and Member Agency Reports

5. Approval of Changes to Federally Funded Projects

Currently, MAG does not have a directive policy or process outlining how to handle requests to change federal funded programmed projects. In absence of a policy or process, we are asking requests for project changes go through the MAG Committee Process as part of a 'Project Change' request. Appendix 1 describes the City of Chandler and the City of Phoenix's request:

City of Chandler - Reprioritize 2 projects: Paseo Trail - CHN08-606 and Western Canal-CHN11-710. The City of Chandler has two federal funded projects for installing traffic signals along multi-use trails. We have one project in FY08 for signals along the Paseo Trail (CHN08-606) and another project in FY11 for signals along the Western Canal (CHN11-710) . The Paseo Trail is largely complete (with a short missing section north of Pecos). The Western Canal plans are close to 100% and we anticipate beginning construction in calendar year 2008.

What we would like to do is to reprioritize the two projects, so that we can install traffic signals along the Western Canal (CHN11-710) using the funding from CHN08-606 (\$229,600) in FY08 and defer the installation of the signals on the Paseo Trail to later years (2011 - \$271,000) . The traffic volumes along the Western Canal crossings are in the range of 28,000 to 38,000 vehicles per day, while the traffic volumes on the Paseo Trail crossings are 8,000 to 12,000 vehicles per day. Assuming a similar number of pedestrians/cyclists using these two trails, we would expect a much benefit by installing the signals on the Western Canal this fiscal year - 2008.

City of Phoenix - Change Project Limits: 24th Street: Rio Salado to Roeser - PHX07-310

The City of Phoenix requests the project limits of PHX07-310 24th Street: Rio Salado to Roeser be redefined to a smaller area of 24th Street: Chipman to Roeser. This would decrease the length of the pedestrian facilities project from approximately 1.3 miles to 0.2 miles. The need to reduce the boundaries is a result of rising acquisition costs for rights-of-way, increased materials costs, and extensive environmental considerations necessary to fulfill the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA)process. The decrease would not impact the project greatly since other City of Phoenix improvements and developer investments have been completed within the original

project limits during the past few years.

6. Review the Front and Back of the Draft Regional Bikeways Map

MAG staff will the first draft of the Regional Bikeways Map.

7. MAG Design Assistance Program

MAG staff will distribute the copies of the new proposals for the Design Assistance Program. The proposals will be reviewed and ranked at the February 2008 meeting.

8. Next Meetings

All meetings will be on Tuesday in the Cholla Room at 1:30 p.m., except for the December meeting that begins at noon.

February 19, 2008

- Review Design Asst. Applications

March 18, 2008

April 15, 2008

May 20, 2008

June 17, 2008

July 15, 2008

August 19, 2008

September 16, 2008

October 21, 2008

November 18, 2008

December 16, 2008 NOON